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tinge is particularly with the religion of the majority community of our country.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Please conclude.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, I do not subscribe to the view that it should be converted into an independent corporation. It should be in the hands of the Central Government. But there should be a consensus among the national parties. The national parties should come to an agreement or there should be specific guidelines as to in what way it should be run.

Secondly, the State Governments must have a hand in it. The Calcutta Doordarshan cannot be allowed to hold to ransom the mass network, the mass media, the way it likes. They have been given to understand that they can care a pig for Mr. Jyoti Basu if they can keep the Congress leaders on the right side. This notion of the bureaucrats who are holding on to Calcutta Doordarshan should be given a go-by.

Thirdly, Madam, there should be an advisory committee and the advisory committee should consist not only people belonging to his side, not only people belonging to his own group in the party, but it should consist of people who know the subject. Men of letters, men of literature, men of culture, eminent artists including political leaders should be there so that something concrete and creative can emerge out of this. I believe, the mass media can become the centre of a biggest creative mass movement in the country's culture and that can be the real counterblast to the western culture. But in this respect too, the Ministry is wanting because it would like to run it as the propaganda machine or the Congress (I) instead of using it for the national benefit and purpose. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House is now adjourned for lunch and will meet again at 2.30 P.M.

The House then adjourned for lunch at thirty-five minutes past one of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at thirty-two minutes past two of the clock, the Vice-Chairman (Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal) in the Chair.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Re. drawal of Advance from the Contingency Fund of India for meeting the requirement of Funds for the Commission of Inquiry on Fairfax Group Inc.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, as the Hon'ble Members are aware, a Commission of Inquiry consisting of Shri Justice M. P. Thakkar and Shri Justice S. Natarajan, Chairman and Member respectively of the Commission has been set up by Government of India on 6-4-1987 under the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1952 (60 of 1952) to inquire into the events and circumstances leading to the arrangements entered into with the Fairfax Group Inc. of USA. The terms of reference of this Commission of Inquiry is indicated in the Notification regarding appointment of this Commission which was published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary dated 6-4-1987, a copy of which was laid on the Table of the House on 15.4.1987.

This Commission of Inquiry will be serviced by the Department of Eco-

nomic Affairs. As the setting up of the Commission is a post budget development, provision therefor has not been included in the Demands for Grants of the Department. As, however, the Commission is required to begin its work immediately and submit its report to Central Government within the stipulated period of three months, it is proposed to draw an advance of Rs. 8.50 lakhs which is the present estimate of the expenditure on the Commission from the Contingency Fund of India. The advance will as usual be recouped through a Supplementary Demand to be presented in the next session of Parliament.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): May I seek a clarification? Sir, there are no two opinions or I do not have any objection to the drawal of money because the Commission was very necessary and it had been appointed by the Government Naturally, money has to be found for the same. In addition to other things, it is said in the statement, I quote:

> "...to inquire into the events and circumstances leading to the arrangements entered into with the Fairfax Group Inc. of USA...

On this I want some clarification. When this Commission was appointed there was newspaper propaganda and in the entire country an environment was created that some hanky-panky, some fishy business is being put under the carpet by the Government. That is why the Government has now come with the Commission so that it will try to meet the suspicions which have been created by various propaganda by the news agencies. I want to draw the attention of the Minister to the fact that this entire episode is happening because in this country, or any country right from USA to Japan, it is really the industrial lobbies which fight and bring the political parties and the Government into trouble. The famous case of Mr. Tanaka, the Japanese Prime Minister, is well known. So along with the work of the Commission, the Enforcement Directorate, which is under the control of the Minister, has to take action against these industrial lobbies and show to the people that they are not weakened, that there are no options whatsoever for such lobbies to work and particularly the people are to be convinced. One, two, three or four such industrial lobbies are to be, what you call, punished and raided. Then only this problem will be a little bit dissipated and it will liquidate itself and people will find confidence in the Government.

Today I was very happy to see the confidence with which the Prime Minister replied, clearing, what you call, the mess created by some news agencies. I am very happy that the Prime Minister was very confident in denying that nothing has happened like this and it is a cock-and-bull story.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): What he said is a cock-and-bull story.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: What PM said on Swedish Radio and what you were reading rubbish in the House in the morning when the Prime Minister himself has stated that he had spoken with Mr. Olof Palme previously...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: I did not hear properly. That is why I am asking you.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: How can you hear unpleasant things? You will not be able to hear unpleasant things.

SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA (Andhra Pradesh): After some time you will know the names.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): Please let the hon. Member continue.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: I am not with that family, anyway. So I want to add that along with raiding and punishing these industrial lobbies which are working and which have really brought the Government and

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political parties into trouble, let my friends not be under any misunderstanding, every political party is concerned with this; so that action you will have to take.

Secondly, if it is possible, this Commission should be given assistance of the intelligence agencies or the Enforcement Directorate people because the Supreme Court Judges, with due respect to them, will not be able to understand the black-money implications and how the money abroad is being laundered, how it is put into the banks. So for that purpose, the black money menace has to be found out because the political parties, the politicians, the industrialists, the cinema actors—are all concerned with this. That is why the Government has to take very strong measures to remove doubts from the people's minds. The Commission can do these things if they are given assistance by broad-basing one or two terms of reference, because in the entire terms of reference of the Commission I do not find any reference to the modus operandi as to how this money is being created. Though right from the Wanchoo Committee, various committees have gone into it, no straightforward action has been taken. So what I demand of the Government is, if you want to erase the misunderstanding from the people's minds, strong action has to be taken on these three fronts.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : माननीय उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, मंत्री जी ने जो अपना वक्तव्य सदन के के सामने रखा है, पढ़ा है इसके द्वारा 6 अप्रैल को जो ठक्कर और नटराजन जांच आयोग की घोषणा की उसके लिये साढ़े आठ लाख रुपये की धनराशि की मांग की गई है । लोकसभा और इस सदन में पहले सारा सदन इस राय का नहीं था कि इसके लिये कोई कमीशन आफ इन्क्वायरी, कोई जांच आयोग बैठाया जाये और बराबर इस बात की मांग की गई थी कि फेयर फैक्स के मामले की जांच संसदीय समिति द्वारा कराई जाये । लेकिन सरकार ने इस बात को अस्वीकार कर दिया । मान्यवर, कल ही सदन में . . .

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): Please ask for clarifications.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : I am coming to that, Sir.

कल ही इसी सदन में विपक्षी दल के एक सदस्य ने मांग की थी कि इस जांच के जो टर्म्स आफ रेफरेंस हैं और जो विज्ञप्ति 6 अप्रैल को प्रकाशित की गई थी उसके सिलसिले में उन्होंने पांच मुद्दों को जोड़ने की मांग की थी जो इस प्रकार थे : क्या किसी विदेशी बैंक अथवा बैंकों में भारतीय नागरिकों और प्रवासी भारतीयों ने रकम जमा की है ? (2) अगर हां, तो क्या विदेशी मुद्रा विनियम कानून 1973 या उससे संबद्ध अन्य कानून तोड़े गए हैं ? (3) ऐसी जमा रकम की मात्रा इसके लिये जिम्मेदार लोग और वह अवधि जिस दौरान ये रकमें जमा हुई ? (4) ऐसी रकमों को वापस भारत लाने के लिये उठाये जाने वाले कदम और (5) आइंदा ऐसी घटनाओं को रोकने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की जाए ?

तो मेरा एक प्रश्न यह है कि जो टर्म्स आफ रेफरेंस 6 अप्रैल को विज्ञापित हैं उसमें जो ये पांच मांगें कल रखी गई हैं, जो सरकार के सामने इस सदन में मांगें रखी गई हैं क्या उनको इस आयोग के टर्म्स आफ रैफरेंस में शामिल कराने की कृपा करेंगे ? महोदय, अभी इस जांच आयोग ने अपना काम शुरू नहीं किया है, यह जांच आयोग किस तारीख को अपना काम शुरू करने वाला है इसकी भी कोई जानकारी नहीं है ।

महोदय, दूसरा मेरा निवेदन यह है कि ...
(Interruptions)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): Don't be disturbed by what he says.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : इस जांच आयोग में दो जज हैं । अगर मान लीजिए कि दोनों जजों में आपस में मतभेद हो जाये तो ऐसी स्थिति में किसी तीसरे जज के बारे में सोचना होगा । इसलिये मैं अपनी इस मांग को पुनः दोहराना चाहूंगा कि इस मामले की जांच एक संसदीय समिति द्वारा कराई जानी चाहिए ।

तीसरा, मेरा सुझाव यह है कि मेरे पास भारत सरकार द्वारा प्रकाशित योजना का मार्च अंक है जो भारत सरकार के प्रकाशन विभाग, सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय द्वारा प्रकाशित होता है। इसमें मान्यवर, इस बात की जानकारी दी गई है कि स्विटजरलैंड के बैंकों में नम्बर दो के खातों में कुल जितना धन जमा है, उसका करीब एक प्रतिशत भारतीयों का है । यह राशि 20,000 करोड़ रुपये से 25,000 करोड़ के बीच में है । इसके अतिरिक्त इक्वेडोर हांगकांग, न्यूजर्सी, मारीशस और बहामाज के बैंकों में भी भारतीयों ने करीब 10,000 करोड़ रुपये जमा कर रखे हैं । इस संबंध में मेरा सुझाव यह है कि भारत सहकार की ओर से इसी सत्र में एक प्रस्ताव आना चाहिए जिससे विदेशी बैंकों में राशि जमा करने पर रोक लग सके और वे भारत सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी दें कि किन-किन भारतीयों का कितना-कितना रुपया किस-किस खाते में वहां पर जमा है । मुझे विश्वास है कि अगर इस तरह का प्रस्ताव आयेगा और वह सर्वसम्मति से पारित हो जायेगा तो सर्वसम्मति से ऐसे प्रस्ताव के पारित होने के बाद निश्चित रूप से इन देशों की सरकारों पर दबाव बढ़ेगा क्योंकि उसके आधार पर हम कह सकते हैं कि हमारे देश के जो वर्तमान कानून हैं उनका उल्लंघन करके विदेशों में यह रुपया जमा कर रखा है । इसलिये मैं मंत्री महोदय से अंत में यह निवेदन करूंगा कि वे मेरे सुझाव पर विचार करें और इसका स्पष्टीकरण अपने जवाब में देने की कृपा करें ।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): Shri Pramod Mahajan — very briefly, please.

श्री प्रमोद महाजन (महाराष्ट्र) : उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, ठक्कर-नटराजन जांच आयोग के लिये साढ़े आठ लाख रुपये की अग्रिम राशि मांगने के संबंध में मंत्री महोदय द्वारा दिये गये वक्तव्य के बारे में अपना मतभेद प्रकट करने के लिये मैं खड़ा हूं । फेयर फैक्स के मुद्दे के संबंध में इस जांच आयोग को जिन बिन्दुओं पर विचार करने के लिये कहा गया है उन सारे बिन्दुओं में से लगभग सभी मुद्दों की सारी जानकारी सरकार के पास अपनी फाइलों में पड़ी है । इसलिये सरकार ऐसे किसी जांच आयोग पर इतनी धनराशि खर्च करे, केवल अपनी फाइलों को ढूंढ़ने के लिये, यह मैं मानता हूं कि जनता के पैसों का अपव्यय है । मैं मंत्री महोदय से इस विषय में यह स्पष्टीकरण चाहूंगा फेयर फैक्स हो या कोई अन्य मामला हो इसमें जो मूल मुद्दा उठा है वह भारतीय शीर्षस्थ राजनेताओं या उनके सम्बन्धियों के द्वारा देश का धन देश के बाहर निकाल कर स्विस बैंक में जमा करना, इस पर सब से बड़ी आपत्ति की है और दुर्भाग्य-वश इस जांच में इस मुद्दे की कोई चर्चा हो नहीं है । इसलिये मैं मंत्री महोदय से यह स्पष्टीकरण चाहूंगा कि क्या ठक्कर और नटराजन जांच आयोग की कार्य-कक्षा बढ़ा करके इसमें स्विस बैंकों में भारतीयों द्वारा धन कैसे और क्यों जमा किया गया, वह मुद्दा भी कार्यकक्षा में आए, यह मांग फेयर फैक्स जांच एजेंसी को नियुक्त करने वाले

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पूर्व वित्त मंत्री श्री विश्वनाथ प्रताप सिंह जी ने की है, कल विपक्ष ने दोहराई है । मैं उसका पुनः समर्थन करते हुए मन्त्री महोदय से स्पष्टीकरण चाहूंगा कि क्या इसकी कार्यकक्षा बढ़ा कर स्विस बैंकों में जमा पूंजी के सम्बन्ध में जांच करने का काम इसको सौंपा जाएगा और अगर सौंपा जाएगा तो इस में थोड़ा सा धन बढ़ाने पर भी मेरी आपत्ति नहीं है ।

SHRI CHITTA BASU (West Bengal): Sir, as you know, the central point of this enquiry relates to the illegal accumulation of funds outside India in foreign banks. That is the essence of the question. But in the terms of reference of the Commission on Fairfax which have been announced, there is no indication that this Commission would go in depth into this very central and important aspect of the problem. If this aspect is not gone into, I think, there is no necessity of a Commission of this nature for which Rs. 8.5 lakhs will be spent. Moreover, there is no necessity of a judicial probe, and the Judges have got nothing to do with it. What extraordinary avenues have they got to know whether money was deposited in Swiss bank or not? The Judges have got no instrument to know this, whereas the main point is whether in the Swiss bank money is deposited or has been deposited. Therefore, the very purpose of the inquiry will be defeated unless the terms of reference are changed.

May I know from the hon. Minister whether this aspect has been taken into consideration and whether the Government, having regard to this, will review the entire situation and reformulate the terms of reference so as to enable the Commission to go into this aspect, namely, the deposit of money in the Swiss bank?

Sir, this deposit of money in the Swiss bank is not only related to Fairfax but it is very much there in the case of Bofors, it is very much there in the case of the submarine deal.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): Please confine yourself to the Minister's statement.

SHRI CHITTA BASU: As a matter of fact, again I say, if this Commission is to fulfil any purpose, that purpose is to find out the deposit in the Swiss bank. Therefore, if that is not included in the terms of reference, it will be a farce, it will be a mockery, and there is no necessity of having this kind of Commission at all.

Therefore, I want that the hon. Minister should clarify whether the Government will reconsider and include this aspect in the terms of reference of the Commission.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE (West Bengal): I first begin with a Budgetary intricacy. I do not know how it is a post-Budget development. I am innocent of the mystries of the Budget. Have we passed the Budget? Are the grants all passed? Have we passed the Finance Bill also? I do not know how this expression comes in. So, I want to be clear on that point.

The second point is that we have again and again indicated that the present terms of reference of the inquiry commission is such that the answers can be had from the Government files and no inquiry commission is necessary to unearth anything as contained in the terms of reference. So, what I wonder is why this Rs. 8.50 lakhs, if it is really not a post-Budget development, has been mentioned here? Is it to announce before the House that regarding the demand made by Mr. V.P. Singh and unanimously by the Opposition that the real question is elsewhere and it is

that which should be inquired into, to foreclose the extension of the terms of reference, a small sum of Rs 8.50 lakhs has been mentioned indicating that we are refusing to accommodate the Opposition's point of view. If such an inquiry has to be made, i.e. the *modus operandi* of accummulation of foreign exchange, the violation of the FERA, the processes that enter into all this then Rs. 8.50 lakhs would be a very nominal sum. Is it coming as a snub to the entire Opposition and to Mr. V. P. Singh, the Ex Defence Minister and Finance Minister that nothing doing, we shall go ahead only with what we have stated and which in itself is a ridiculous venture? That is my question.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Appointment of a commission along with the conditions and stipulations as laid down seems to be a total eye-wash and is intended to put a lid on the criticism of the Opposition parties. It is because the Government has ordered a partial inquiry, an inquiry which does not go into the root of the question, we are not discussing the modalities.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): Please put forth the clarifications which you intend to seek.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, I would like to be dictated by my conscience and my wisdom rather than by the judgement of anyone in the House, because it is within the purview of my right to put a question and not to be dictated by anyone in the House howsoever respectable...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): But it is for the chairman to see that the scope of the subject is maintained.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: It is for the Chairman to say whether it is in tune with the point. But it is not for the Chairman to advise. Then we have always to be advised...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): It is also for the Chairman to see that the scope of the Business or Agenda is maintained. So, please come to the clarifications.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I cannot question the wisdom of the Chair, but I can definitely seek protection of my right. I am protecting my right.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): Right is granted for seeking clarifications.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Thank you. It is the sanctity of the Chair.

Anyway, the moot question is not modalities of the appointment of the Commission. What is the modality of the Commission? Commission has been asked to go into the terms and conditions of the agreement that the Government of India had entered into with Bofors and for that you need not have the service of two judges.

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL (Gujarat): With whom?

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: With Fairfax. For that point the statement of the Government is enough. To me it appears that you want to appoint a commission to go into the propriety of appointment of Fairfaxe, that is, you want to prove whether Mr. V. P. Singh is national or anti-national, patriotic or unpatriotic bacause he had inducted a foreign agency into the investigating affair. I do not want to go into that because that may be your inclination and that may be your angle of thinking. My angle of thinking is the whole episode leading to the appointment of Fairfax (*Time bell rings*) throws light on a very important aspect of the issue, that is, regarding investment in foreign banks and there is a report of the World Bank. Therefore may I know from the Minister whether this commission will go into the details of illegal deposits in the Swiss Bank in

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general and particularly in relation to those persons against whom charges were levelled? I would like the Minister to elucidate on this point. This number (a) and number (b) two persons who are responsible for conducting the enquiry (*Time bell rings*), yes, I will conclude, one is the Director of Enforcement who has been shunted out and another is Secretary, should be appointed as Special Officers because they have the knowledge and they knew how the things started. They are in possession of some information. Therefore, I would like those two officers to be associated in this commission. Thank you.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): According to the procedure laid down for making the requests for seeking clarification to a statement made by a Minister, the names have to be given before the statement is actually made. However, this time I entertain the requests received subsequently and call upon Mr. Radhakrishna.

SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Thank you, Mr. Vice-Chairman. When the affairs of Fairfax have come into the lime light in both Houses of Parliament, the Members belonging to Opposition have demanded very much the setting up of a Parliamentary Committee to probe into the affairs. The Government, however, vehemently turned down the demand. Instead they have chosen to appoint this commission of enquiry. The terms of reference of the commission of enquiry are so simple that any senior clerk can draft the answer to the questions raised before the commission. All the information that is put to elucidate from the commission are available in the files of the Finance Ministry and the Directorate of Enforcement. Nothing new will come up. It may serve the purpose of the ruling party but not the people of the country. The people of the country are interested to know who are the persons having money in foreign banks, how much money is held, whether it is illegal or legal, whether it is an economic offence, all these things are not referred to the commission. Two Judges have been appointed to enquire into this affair, Rs. 8.5 lakhs are being drawn for their expenditure and it is all waste of time and energy of Judges and also it is a waste of money of the people. Nothing will yield from this commission and no purpose will be served. May I know from the Minister whether even at this stage the Government is going to expand the terms of reference of the commission of enquiry? May I also know from the Minister whether the commission will go into the details of deposits held by some persons in foreign banks and how much money is held by them? Are you still prepared to set up a Parliamentary Committee for probe into the matter?

The second thing is that whenever a commission of enquiry is appointed, some time-limit is mentioned and again it is extended. The purpose will be watered down. May I know from the Minister whether the Government is going to stick to three months stipulation of time? Or are they going to extend it by another three months so that the people will forget the entire affair? Therefore, may I know from the Minister specifically whether he is going to extend the time of three months or not? Thank you.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, lot of confusion is being created in the minds of the people of this country and a statement also appeared in the name of our former Finance Minister that unless the terms of reference of the commission of enquiry are enlarged, the commission will not have any fruitful result. Mainly the argument that has been given both in the press and also by the then Finance Minister is that this enquiry should be used to find the amount of money in the Swiss banks.

Sir, I wish to bring to your kind notice that Swiss Bank accounts are not as secret as they had been before. The Government of Switzerland seems to have passed an Act according to which any legally entitled Government, if they want to go after the persons who have got secret accounts of a particular country in their bank, that will be divulged. This Act has been passed recently. I had also a talk with one of the persons in the Swiss Bank. He also told me that after the Marcos affairs, if there is any inquiry from a legitimate Government, the Government of Switzerland will ask the bank to divulge those secret accounts held by those nationals of that particular country in the banks. So, I personally feel if the Government of India is really interested in this matter, then they can ask the Government of Switzerland and through them, the bank to find out the money that the Indian nationals have got in those banks for which purpose, I do not think enlargement of the terms of reference of this Commission would be required and it is for a specific purpose. However, I would like to have an assurance from the Government whether it is necessary, to find out this money in the Swiss Bank, to enlarge the terms of reference of the enquiry because it has been told by the previous Finance Minister and the people are very much confused over this matter. I want an assurance whether enlargement of the terms of reference is at all necessary to find out the amount accumulated by the Indian industrialists abroad. That is one point. The second and final point which has been well brought out by another hon. Member is that two judges have been appointed and it has been asked if the two judges disagree, how can a solution be arrived at on this matter. So, I would propose why can't another judge be appointed? Both the judges are very illustrious persons. There is no doubt about it. But when two illustrations persons are there, naturally there would be a lot of opportunity for disagreement to crop up because each person is so independent that he may not be able to oblige the opinion of the other. That may also happen. So, I would like to know whether the Government will think of appointing another judge so that at least two Judges will agree on one point to arrive at a final conclusion.

3.00 P.M.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, nobody could question or doubt the bonafides of our former Finance Minister and also the Defence Minister Mr. V. P. Singh and in the esteem of the country, he is above board. My friends from the Treasury benches would also agree with me if I say that he did his job well when he raided many places the sole motive of his job was to weed out corruption and black money and Mr. V. P. Singh himself initiated this Fairfax affair. Now, a person who has initiated it himself suggests that the terms of reference should be widened to cover the real issue, the sole issue about the illegal funds held by Indians abroad. In the present Commission, the sole issue has receded into the background and the procedural issue has come into focus. We are not concerned as to who ordered the enquiry. That is not the main issue. How any payment was made, to whom it was made, whether it was proper or improper, that is not the main issue. The main issue is that there are illegal funds in the foreign banks. Therefore, Mr. V. P. Singh suggested this thing which was raised yesterday also by the Opposition. I would like to know as to what is the position of this Government to the suggestion made by Mr. V. P. Singh. I want a categorical reply from the Government whether the Government has agreed to the suggestion made by Mr. V. P. Singh or not. If not, for what reasons?

श्री ब्रह्म दत्त : उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, माननीय सदस्यों ने जो बात आज कही है, उसको सुनकर मुझे एक बात का बड़ा आश्चर्य हो रहा है कि जिस वक्त फेयरफैक्स का मामला इस सदन में और उस सदन में उठा था यदि उस वक्त यह कहा जाता कि इस तरह की इन्क्वायरी, इस तरह के कमीशन के बैठाने की कोई जरूरत नहीं है तो यह साढ़े आठ लाख रुपया खर्च नहीं होता।

श्री मुरलीधर चन्द्रकांत भंडारे (महाराष्ट्र) : फिर वाक-आउट कौन करते ?

श्री ब्रह्म दत्त : हां, न वाक-आउट होता। जिस समय सारा मामला फेयर-फैक्स के ऊपर हुआ और सरकार के पास जो सूचना उपलब्ध थी, वह हमने सदन में उपलब्ध कराई, इस सदन में भी और उस सदन में भी। लेकिन उस सूचना को पर्याप्त नहीं माना गया, काफी नहीं माना गया और बहुत सारी शंकाएं और संदेह प्रकट किये गये। उन तमाम संदेहों और शंकाओं को निपटाना है, इसलिये इस कमीशन की सिफारिश हुई।

उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, माननीय कुलकर्णी जी ने एक बहुत महत्वपूर्ण बात पूछी है कि इस कमीशन को अपना काम करने में सरकार अपनी एजेन्सीज की मदद देगी, मैं उनको आश्वस्त् करना चाहता हूं कि इस कमीशन को काम करने में अगर एन्फोर्समेंट डायरेक्टोरेट की आवश्यकता होगी या रेवेन्यू-इंटेलीजेंस की आवश्यकता होगी तो उनको इसकी पूरी मदद दी जायेगी और कागजात भी उपलब्ध कराये जायेंगे। मैं यह भी उम्मीद करूंगा कि जिस किसी के पास और भी सूचनाएं हों वह भी उपलब्ध करायें, इसके लिये बकायदा नोटिस निकाला जायगा।

मैं इस बात से बिल्कुल सहमत नहीं हूं कि टर्म्स आफ रेफरेन्स को बढ़ाने की जरूरत है। टर्म्स आफ-रेफरेन्स बढ़ाने का मतलब निकलेगा फेयर फैक्स के मामले को दबाने का आरोप अपने ऊपर लेना। एक तरफ हमसे यह कहा जाता कि तीन महीने में इन्क्वायरी समाप्त हो जानी चाहिये। इसलिये हमने भी तीन महीने का समय स्पष्ट रूप से दिया है, हम नहीं चाहेंगे कि इसमें तीन महीना एक दिन भी लगे। हम तो चाहते हैं कि तीन महीने में सारी जांच समाप्त हो जाये। अब अगर हमने टर्म्स आफ रेफरेन्स इस स्थिति में बढ़ाया तो मामला बहुत गलत हो जायगा।

जहां तक बाहरी बैंकों में पैसा जमा करने का सवाल है, जहां तक आर्थिक अपराधों का सवाल है, मैं दृढ़तापूर्वक यह कहना चाहता हूं कि सरकार की नीति इन तमाम चीजों में स्पष्ट है। हम उन तमाम आर्थिक अपराधियों का पता लगायेंगे जो इस देश के बाहर पैसा ले जाते हैं या देश के अन्दर आर्थिक अपराध करते हैं। मैं आपको इस बात का प्रमाण देना चाहता हूं, अगर आप अध्ययन करें तो आप पायेंगे कि वर्ष 1986 के पहले तीन महीने जनवरी, फरवरी और मार्च में, इस वक्त तो मेरे पास आंकड़े मौजूद नहीं हैं, और वर्ष 1987 के जनवरी, फरवरी, मार्च महीने में जो कार्यवाही हुई है, वह पहले की अपेक्षा ज्यादा प्रभावशाली हुई है, ज्यादा पैसा हमने छुपा हुआ निकलवाया है, ज्यादा लोगों के खिलाफ कार्यवाही हुई है और ज्यादा लोगों के खिलाफ मुकदमें कायम किये गये हैं। एन्फोर्समेंट डायरेक्टोरेट और रेवेन्यू इंटेलीजेन्स अपना पूरा काम कर रहा है। इस वक्त जो मैंने वक्तव्य दिया, उसमें यह शंका हुई कि यह पोस्ट बजट कैसे हुआ ?...
(व्यवधान)

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Then why did you transfer Bhurelal if they have done well?

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: Please listen to me first. I will give you further clarification.

एक क्वैश्चन पूछा गया कि पोस्ट-बजट कैसे हुआ? बजट जब यहां पार्लियामेंट में पेश किया गया था लोक-सभा में और यहां उसकी प्रति रखी गयी थी, उस समय फेयर-फैक्स का मामला उठा ही नहीं था, इसलिये बजट में यह मद शामिल नहीं की गयी थी और हम बगैर सदन की आज्ञा के कोई खर्चा कर नहीं सकते। अब इसकी आपसे अनुमति चाहते हैं ताकि अनुपूरक बजट में इस चीज को हम ला सकें। यह दो मुद्दे अलग-अलग होते हैं, फेयर-फैक्स के मामले में जो शंकाएं और संदेह हैं, उसकी जांच तो यह जज करेंगे, लेकिन जहां तक आर्थिक अपराधों का सवाल है, चाहे वह देश के अंदर हो रहे हैं या बाहर हो रहे हैं, उसके लिये आपको विश्वास दिलाना चाहता हूं कि कार्यवाही की जायेगी और सख्त कार्यवाही की जायगी।

यह इंडस्ट्रियल हाउसेस की लड़ाई में हम पड़ना नहीं चाहते। इसमें सरकार भी प्रभावित होती है, राजनीतिक लोग भी प्रभावित होते हैं, राजनीतिक पार्टियां भी प्रभावित होती हैं। लेकिन हम न किसी के प्रति नर्म हैं और न हमारा किसी से विद्वेष है। जो भी कानून का उल्लंघन करेगा, उसके खिलाफ हम कार्यवाही कर रहे हैं और करते रहेंगे। हमने इसका अध्ययन किया है और जनवरी, फरवरी, मार्च महीने का जिक्र मैं कर ही चुका हूं। हमें इसमें कामयाबी मिल रही है और मैं आपको विश्वास दिलाना चाहता हूं कि अगर इसमें और भी चीजों की जरूरत होगी, ऐजेन्सियों की, दूसरी सरकारों की मदद की जरूरत होगी या ऐसी ऐजेन्सियों की, जिनकी विश्वसनीयता और प्रमाणिकता है, उनकी मदद की भी जरूरत होगी तो हम उनकी मदद लेने में परहेज नहीं करेंगे। हमारा दृढ़ निश्चय है, हम इस प्रकार के आर्थिक अपराधों को समाप्त करेंगे, उसको कम करने की कोशिश करेंगे। यही निर्देश हमारे प्रधानमंत्री जी का है और इसकी घोषणा उस सदन में और संभवतः इस सदन में भी आज ही होगी।

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Functioning of the Government —owned media—Contd.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Mr Vice-Chairman, TV and radio, the two media, have become the official wing of the ruling Congress Party. I would like to ask the honourable Minister whether it is a fact or not that Doordarshan was invited to cover the dinner hosted by none other than the honourable President of India at Rashtrapathi Bhavan for the daughter of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Anita Bose, but—reports have appeared, even after a request was made from Rashtrapathi Bhavan — Doordarshan did not care to oblige the request. Whenever it suits the ruling party or the Government, whenever it is convenient to them, Doordarshan and the media people rush to the spot. I hope the Minister will reply to this question. In Madras, TV and radio have become the monopoly of the Congress Party. When a function was organised to inaugurate the linking of Madras TV with Kodaikanal TV Tower through microwave, the function took place in Central Madras at which the member of Parliament representing Central Madras Constituency was not invited at all to participate, because he does not belong to the Congress Party, he belongs to DMK; yet the Member of Parliament from South Madras Constituency was invited to participate in the function. Why? Is it because that lady Member was a Member of Parliament belonging to the Congress-I or is it because she was an actress, a dancer, some time ago?

AN HON. MEMBER: Who was it?

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Vyjayantimala. For what purpose did you invite a Member of Parliament representing some other constituency, i.e. South Madras Constituency, when the function took place in Central Madras where you did not invite